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Crafts, crafts, and Run like the wind more crafts

Connor Barber

On Saturday, October 23, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., it is the 18th annual Autumnfest Craft Show in Algona. This is the largest craft show in northern Iowa and attracts many visitors.

There are three venues: Algona High School, Bishop Garrigan High School, and the Knights of Columbus Hall. If you don't want to drive from place to place, you can take a shuttle bus that stops at all three venues. Also, each place has a concession stand where you can purchase food.

If you would like to volunteer your time, the Algona Booster Club is looking for help. You can help set up the night before, work in a concession stand during the day, or help take down on

Saturday when it's over. If you are interested, contact Mary Hannover or Vicki Mallory.

At the craft show there are over 145 vendors. The products range from handmade crafts, wooden pieces, jewelry, baked goods, Christmas decorations, and woven rugs. Many people shop for things for the home and presents for the holidays. Mrs. Spear says, "I like to get the cookies from Linda Plum; they're fabulous!"

So if you're in need of something to do or want to get someone a unique present, go to the Algona Craft Show on Saturday, October 23rd.

Courtney Pityer

This week, on Thursday, October 21, 2010, the girls and boys Varsity Cross Country teams will be going to Denison, Iowa, for the 2010 District Regional Cross Country meet. Algona will be competing against twelve other teams. Event times for the teams are 4:00 p.m. for boys and 4:30 p.m. for girls.

Awards include medals for the top three teams for girls and the championship team receives a banner. Awards for boys also include medals for the top three teams and banners

will go to the top three teams.

At the end of the meet, the top three teams for boys and girls will advance to State. The top ten individuals from both boys and girls will also go on to State.

The State Cross Country meet is on October 30th, 2010, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

"I'm really excited to see how well the boys and girls do," says Katie Green. Good luck to both the boys and girls.

2010 District Regional Cross Country meet results

The girls' team placed 2nd & moves on to State!

Tangy Wiseman 4th	Allana Lauck 5th
Megann Schmidt 20th	Ally Klepper 22nd
Katie Connick 28th	Anna Zeller 29th
Katie Green 41st	

The boys' team placed 5th (7 points from 2nd)

Ryan McMahon 2nd	Joey Schattschneider 13th
Johnny Aboud 23	John Krause 26
Christian Parker 41	Kory Kuecker 47
Mason Altman 52	



Above: Tommy Christian runs to the finish line.



Right: Katie Connick paces herself throughout the race.

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Make a difference

Carly Sansone

On October 23, 2010, everyone should give back for Make a Difference Day, the largest national day of community service. Held every year on the fourth Saturday of October, Make a Difference Day is sponsored by USA WEEKEND and HandsOn Network. Connor Barber states, "I like to make a difference for those in need."

At Algona High, the World Issues classes have come together as a team for Make a Difference Day. On October 14-22, any AHS student or faculty members can donate canned goods or money for those in need. This donation of canned goods goes to the Kossuth County Food Pantry. Brittany Vaske and Liana Gaedke are hosting this event, if you have any questions. Bring in the canned goods or money to Mr. Connick's room.

Another thing that the World Issues classes are doing for Make a Difference Day is collecting cell phones

for the Crisis Intervention Center. If you have any used cell phones that you could donate, drop them off at Hy-Vee, K-Mart, Fareway, AHS, or the Algona Middle School.

This day isn't only about donating items; it's about giving back to those in need in any way that you can. Not only can you bring canned goods or cell phones, but also you can also clean ditches or even rake yards. Katie Green's ditch cleaning group consists of herself, Emily Loken, and AnnaLise Manske. This group will clean the ditches in front of K-Mart and Hy-Vee. Brandon Opheim, Wendell Zeimet, and Welsey Popejoy will be raking yards as their volunteer project.

Think of those in need and give back to the community like they are. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Connick's World Issues classes, periods 1, 4, and 5.

Below: Brittany Vaske likes donating for Make a Difference Day.



Above: Ean Weber and Nathan Skallerup push a combine tire for a buyer at the Titan Tire/Iowa FFA Foundation Auction earlier this year.

On to Nationals

Sierra Wegener

Some of the FFA members are in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National FFA Convention. The Convention has been and will continue to go on from October 20th to October 23rd. They are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the New Farmers of America (NFA).

There are FFA members from all over the country, nearly 55,000 FFA members, attending the Convention. "Nationals are going to be fun!" exclaimed Brandi Goodman, who will be going to the convention.

Abby Smith, Madison Waldo, AJ Wagner, Karl Nicolaus, and Megan Gerhardt are also attending.

While there, the members will participate in general sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, volunteer activities, and a whole lot more. There will also be motivational speakers there along with the FFA band. Megan Gerhardt will be singing with the FFA choir there too, which will be on RFD TV.

HOSA

Alexa Studer

A group of students from the nurse's aid class went to a HOSA Conference last Sunday, October 10, and came back Monday, October 11th. HOSA is an organization to promote careers in the health field.

The conference was held at Ankeny. The following students went: Katie Green, Anne Buscher, Sheridan Berte, Kari Simpson, Kendra Roethler, Alissa Kei-

rch, Maddi Jennings, Tina Pearson, and Jeanne Wunder, the nurse's aid constructor.

They learned about the HOSA competitions that are later on in the year and the events that are going on in the organization. The girls said it was a lot of talking and information about the group and they are looking forward to see what's next.

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Blue 42! HIKE!

Macie Foster

The AHS football team is now 1-8 for the season with one more game to go!

On Friday, October 15th, the Bulldogs hosted a game against the Webster City Lynx, and that night also happened to be parents' night. The seniors were recognized for all of their hard work they have done. The final score of the game was 13-42. Webster City's record coming into this game was 6-1. The Bulldogs had ten first downs against Webster City. Cane

Arrowood rushed the ball for 84 yards on 26 attempts. Blair Bradley completed 65 yards of passing on 12 attempts. Michael McMahon and Casey Hiscocks had the most tackles of the night with 11. John Etler was right behind them with 10 tackles.

Next up for the Bulldogs will be traveling to Humboldt for their last game of the season on Friday, October 22nd.

"We're gonna give it all we got!" Logan Thill quoted.

Keep going strong!

Shannon Koestler

On October 14, 2010, the volleyball girls took on Clear Lake High School at home. They beat Clear Lake in three sets, 26-24, 25-18, and 25-15. This win made 31 won games out of a total of 35 games.

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, the volleyball girls had their invitational tournament at home. They won all six of the games! Algona played West Hancock and won in two sets against them, 21-9 and 21-13. They also beat Carroll 21-12 and 21-10, Spencer 21-17 and 21-11, and Sheldon 21-12 and 21-18. The Bulldogs played Clear Lake, losing one set but turning it around by beating them in the next two. The match with Forest City went to the Bulldogs in three sets

as well.

The next volleyball game was on October 19, 2010, at Iowa Falls-Alden High School. They won all three of the sets, 25-20, 25-21 and 25-23. "It feels awesome to have won the Conference seven straight years," said Brittany Vaske. This accomplishment has set a school record. Never before in AHS history has a team earned a Conference title for seven straight years.

Their next game will be on October 28, 2010. This will be the Regional Quaterfinals! AHS will play against Spirit Lake at home. School activity cards won't work, as this is a State tournament trail game; you will have to pay to get in. The cost is \$5 for students and adults.



Above: John Etler makes the tackle!!



Above: Brittany Vaske and Connor Barber go for the block!!

Left: The team is ready for the Clear Lake game to start!

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Night at the Pumpkins Museum

Abby Foertsch

With Halloween right around the corner, some people are looking for scary places to get excited! If you were wondering where you could go, check out Dakota City. The historical museum there is said to be haunted.

The lady who gives tours there during the summer believes it is haunted and tells tourists about the haunting. It is haunted either by the founders of Humboldt County or by the famous wrestler Goth. Goth, who died at a very young age, was a pioneer of sports wrestling. His death was sudden and it has been

said that he died near the museum.

It has been speculated that when you drive by during the nighttime, you can see shadows moving. Some have also said that you can see lights turning off and on in the window. Also some have said that there is a man who drowned in the local Des Moines River and you can see him.

You can find this museum 2 ½ miles east on state Highway 169 in Dakota City. Dakota City is east of Humboldt. If you are looking for scary places, check this out!!

Secretariat

Brittany Vaske

Filmed in Kentucky, *Secretariat* is a Disney movie based on an undersized thoroughbred that won the 1973 Triple Crown. Diane Lane, the leading actress, portrays *Secretariat's* owner, Penny Chenery. John Malkovich casts as the thoroughbred's trainer in the movie.

A challenge faced in the movie involves Penny Chenery entering in the male-dominated sport of horse breeding after taking it over from her deceased father. Penny, a hard-nosed lady, doesn't give up on her horses and surprises many, along with herself. Penny also struggles with balancing her family back home in

Colorado with her new hobby, involving *Secretariat* in Virginia.

Americans were given something to cheer about as *Secretariat* competed in many different races and won the most prestigious with new time records set that are still holding today.

Rated PG, *Secretariat* is playing at the State Five Theatre in Algona through October 28th. Check it out!

August Thronson

As many know, soon to come is Halloween. What goes best with Halloween? Pumpkins! You can do anything with pumpkins, make a jack-o-lantern, bake a pumpkin pie, paint them. Whatever you're into, you can do it with a pumpkin.

Here are some tips to making a jack-o-lantern. First, you'll need to pick a pumpkin. Now you can do this in two ways: you can go to a store and buy one (that's the boring way), or you can take a drive to a pumpkin patch and pick the one you want and that will best fit your needs. There are a few pumpkin patches in the area. One is on Plum Creek Road, heading out to Oak Lake on the west side of the road, Scuffham's Garden. Another is in Fort Dodge, Community Orchards. Another one is in Spencer, Hawk Valley Garden Pumpkins. Now that you have your pumpkin, you'll need to pick a design. You can get just a regular old design with a face or you can go crazy and do a spooky house or a cemetery scene or even your own face. Once you have all of that, cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin. Making sure your knife is tipped in, pull off the top and dig out all of the seeds and the other loose insides. Then transfer your picture on to the pumpkin and begin cutting. Once you're done carving your pumpkin, throw in a candle and you're done. Set it out for other people to enjoy!

Another great thing

about Halloween and October would be the pie, pumpkin pie. To make a pumpkin pie, you can either make it out of canned pumpkin or a real pumpkin. You can't just use any old pumpkin though, you must have the correct one. It may be called a sugar pumpkin, which are normally smaller than your regular carving one. When you get your pumpkin, wash it up really well, not using soap. Slice it in half and scrape out the inside stuff. After that, cut the stem off and choose which way to cook your pumpkin. You can microwave or steam it on the stove. Either way it takes about twenty minutes. In this process you are trying to get the pumpkin soft enough to scoop the inside out of it. When you accomplish that, scoop it all out of the skin and get a mixer to mix it all up with, making it into a nice, smooth texture. Your pumpkin is now done. You then proceed to mix the following ingredients. 1 cup sugar, 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon ground allspice, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, ½ teaspoon salt, 4 large eggs, 3 cups pumpkin glop, 1 ½ cans evaporated milk ½ teaspoon vanilla extract, and mix well. Pour into pie crust. Cook for about 15 minutes on 425 and enjoy.

Take some time and enjoy a pumpkin this fall!

